

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

July 27, 2010

The Honorable Barack Obama  
President of the United States  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President,

We respectfully request that you expedite the process of the Preliminary Damage Assessment for the State of Iowa, requested on July 26, 2010 by Governor Chet Culver. By expediting this process, we can ensure that those areas in need of federal assistance are able to receive that assistance as quickly as possible.

As you may know, communities in Iowa have suffered significant damage as a result of severe weather systems beginning in June that have produced high winds, thunderstorms, heavy rains, hail, flooding and tornadoes. Governor Culver has determined that federal assistance is required for many impacted counties to appropriately respond to the disasters and begin rebuilding the damaged infrastructure. Now, with more flooding occurring in recent days, it is important to ensure that assistance is available to all impacted areas as quickly as possible.

We appreciate your prompt consideration of this request. It is essential that we work together to ensure Iowans have the necessary assistance to recover and rebuild from these devastating storms.

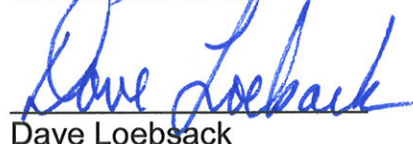
Sincerely,

  
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